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Appl. No. : 09/524,575 Confirmation No. 7265
Applicant : Takuya HIRAMATSU et al.
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Examiner : Hien Thi Tran
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

To: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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December 30, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 1, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 7-28.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. XX A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the final rejection dated July 1, 2003, is being filed concurrently herewith.
2. A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.

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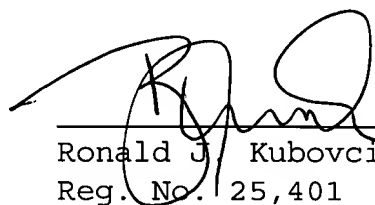
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3. XX Fee \$ 330.00 or ___ Small Entity \$165.00

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___ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed,
applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time.
The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account
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